

**Elders Medicare Outreach Events announced!** Elders Medicare Outreach events are going to be held in Manistee and Muskegon. See the full announcement on page 4!

**Natural Resources Director appointed!** Long-time LRBOI employee Frank Beaver (GTB) has been appointed the Director of Natural Resources for the tribe.

**July Currents is online!** <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/currents/2015/Currents%20-%20July%202015.pdf> . Printed copies have been distributed to the government buildings and were mailed .

**GM Column coming in Currents!** Little River Casino Resort General Manager Ron Pete is starting a new monthly update for the *Currents*. For a sneak peek, see page 3.

**Calling all Little River Tribal Artists:** The Little River Casino Gift Shop would love to proudly display and sell your hand made art. Whether you bead, weave, or draw, all forms of arts and crafts are being sought to sell in the Gift Shop. Beginning the second week in July, (14th), between 9:00 am and 12:00pm, you may schedule an appointment to show off your wares. If chosen, items can be consigned immediately. Please call Sarah Brown or Andrea Krause at 231-398-3903 to schedule an appointment. Exciting things are happening here at LRCR Gift Shop.



**Nookmis Story Hour!** Story hour will be every Wednesday in August at noon! See the flyer in previous RRN issues.

**Monarch Caterpillar Time!** The Education Department reminds you that this is the week for Monarch Caterpillars. See the details in previous Rapid River News issues!

**Budget Meeting!** Ogema Romanelli opened the budget meeting Saturday morning at Aki Maadizwin. CFO Steve Wheeler and Budget Coordinator Bill Willis conducted presented the 2016 budget to the membership.

**Council Saturday Meeting!** Tribal Council held their Saturday meeting this week at the Lodge Room.

**Elder Picnic Meeting.** The August Elder meeting was a picnic at the Gathering Grounds. Everyone enjoyed the change of venue and the chance to enjoy our beautiful area.

**Enrollment New Staff member!** Merri Medawis (LRB) has joined the Enrollment Department. Please welcome her to her new position!

**Drum Practice!** See past issues of the Rapid River for details. Every Tuesday evening from 5:30—7:30 at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center.

News , updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information.

Please note that: Hyperlinks are scattered throughout the RRN .These 'links' take you direct to documents, websites and further Information that you can use.

Just click on them or copy and paste them in your browser for more info!



*From the Office of Public Affairs*

## **Other Upcoming Items, Dates & Announcements**

(For details, see previous Rapid River News, Facebook or **Currents** issues)

- **Drum Class!** Drum Class Tuesday evenings at 5:30 at the Community Center.
- **MC Child Advocacy Center Fundraiser!** August 13th at St. Joseph Parish Center for the "Chow Down for Children!" 5:30-7:30 p.m. for Jerry Zupin's 3 Meat Dinner with his 'Famous Chicken' \$10 for adults, \$5 children under 12, children under 4 are Free.
- **Ground-Breaking for Waste Water expansion!** An outdoor ceremony is being held Thursday to break ground on the Waste Water project with Manistee Township. It will be held on the Casino property at 1:30 p.m., next to the Valet parking lot. This is a major step forward for the tribe and an excellent collaboration between governments.
- **Hazardous Waste Disposal Saturday.** The Conservation District Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Manistee County Road Commission, 8946 Chippewa Highway. For information, call 231.889.9666
- **Elders Medicare Outreach** (see page 4!)
  - Muskegon Office (1101 West Hackley) – Friday August 21st 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
  - Manistee at Aki Maadiziwin (2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung) Monday August 24th 10 am to 4 pm
- **Membership Meeting Dates for 2016-2017:** (Call the hotel at Ph: (231) 723-1535 or Toll Free at 1-888-568-2244 for reservations)
  - 2015—Fall meeting, October 10, 2015
  - 2016 – April 9, 2016 & October 8, 2016
  - 2017 – April 8, 2017 & October 7, 2017
- **Annual Elder Conference** is November 7th & 8th and Christmas Party December 5th



## From the desk of the General Manager

Aanii. My name is Ron Pete, Odenaa Anishinaabe, the “place where Native hearts are gathered.” It is my honor to address you here today.

The purpose of this column is to better inform our citizens as to what is happening at the resort that directly impacts us. For many years I have noticed that there has been a gap in the communication of vital information as it relates to the gaming enterprise that our citizens need to be aware of. Going forward it is my intent to inform you on a monthly basis utilizing the Little River Currents “From the Desk of the GM” column.

As you know, we are currently underway with the construction project to update the existing facilities as well as add amenities to our property. This will directly correlate to increased distribution and benefits to our



citizens. With this in mind, I am moving forward with a proposal to the Board of Directors to bring back some of our Tribal benefits such as reinstating half-off discounts for food outlets at the casino, and discounts on rooms at the hotel. In addition, I propose extending a 20% off discount to Tribal Government employees and discounts for all Tribal Government functions, such as Tribal Membership meetings, Elders Meetings, Christmas Parties and use of Conference Facilities.



All of this is being done in an effort to allow our membership to enjoy the benefits that we all deserve as citizens and owners of this elegantly casual resort that we are so proud of.

It is my intention as the General Manager of the Little River Casino Resort to bridge the gap between the Tribal Government, the Little River Casino Resort and the Citizens of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. This is the first step toward a bright new future of shared purpose.

*(Be sure to visit [www.lrcr.com](http://www.lrcr.com) to keep up on what's happening at Little River)*



## Attention Elders! Medicare Outreach Event

Elders need be aware that Medicare open enrollment begins October 15th through December 7th, and during this time enrollees can switch from original Medicare, pick a new Medicare Part D drug plan, or a new Medicare Advantage plan which is managed by private health plans that have contracts with Medicare.

There is help to assist you in navigating through the maze of Medicare information! You are welcome to bring your spouse and a family member or caregiver to this event.

### **\*\*What you should bring with you:**

- ☐ Medicare card (Red, white, and blue) and their Medicare prescription drug card.
- ☐ Proof of income and assets, to include funds distributed to them by tribal government.
- ☐ List of medications, to include the name of each one, whether it brand or generic, the dosage, and frequency. Also, they need to provide the monthly usage amount of the medication if it is not taken in oral form, such as insulin, nasal sprays, etc.

### **Outreach assistance is available:**

**Muskegon Office (1101 West Hackley) – Friday August 21st 9:30 am to 3:30 pm**

**Manistee at Aki Maadiziwin (2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung) – Monday August 24th 10 am to 4 pm**

**~Refreshments and Lunch will be served at both sites~**

**\*\*Contract Health Services staff will be available for assistance on both dates.**

### **Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) Counselors will be available to assist with:**

- ☐ Identify resources for prescription drug assistance
- ☐ Explain Medicare Health Plan Options
- ☐ Understand doctor bills, hospital bills and Medicare Summary Notices,
- ☐ Understand Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, enrollment, coverage, claims and appeals
- ☐ Enroll in Medicare Savings Programs
- ☐ Review your Medicare supplemental (“Medigap”) insurance needs, compare policies and pursue claims and refunds
- ☐ Explore long term care financing options, including long term care insurance.
- ☐ Identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse.

If you cannot attend on the dates above or have family in need of services, please let them know that they can work with a MMAP counselor by calling 1-800-803-7174 or they may also contact Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Certified MMAP Counselors by calling toll free 888-723-8288 and ask for:

Linda Wissner, Program Specialist - Members Assistance Department

Noelle Cross, Elder Meal Program Administrator - Members Assistance Department

Jason Cross, Case Manager - Family Services Department

**Please contact Members Assistance Department if you have any questions at 888-723-8288.**



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(The Salvation Army helps many of our tribal families. Please consider supporting them.)



## PATHWAY of HOPE®

### Pathway of Hope 5K Run/Walk 2015

The Salvation Army introduces the Pathway of Hope Program 5K Run Walk/Run on August 29<sup>th</sup> 2015 @ 8:15 am.

What is Pathway of Hope? The Salvation Army serves all those that come to us in need, but the Pathway of Hope Program allows us to double our impact by including the generational piece (families must have one person in the family under 18). The proceeds from this event stay locally to assist families in need.

Type of race: Road Race, 5K Run/Walk

Start time: 8:15am @ the First Street Beach @ The Pavilion

Race Course: Run/Walk will begin at the First Street Beach Pavilion and will finish at the same place

Timer: There will be a time keeper at mile one, mile two, and the finish line

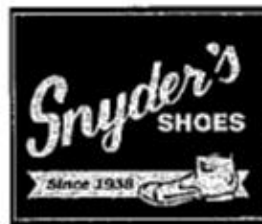
Participants: Open to ALL age groups

Medals/T-Shirts: All participants get a medal. There will not be age group medals

Food: Water, cookies, granola bars, and bananas will be provided

Sponsors:

**meijer**





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## LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity.

[www.lrboi-nsn.gov](http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov)

Rapid River News Weekly—Tribal Government Buildings—By calling the HR Department

Current Job Postings			
Job Title	Department	Open Date	Close Date
<a href="#">Road Patrol Officer</a>	Public Safety	7-16-15	7-30-15
<a href="#">Customer Service Associate</a>	Trading Post	7-1-15	7-31-15
<a href="#">Deli Attendant</a>	Trading Post	7-1-15	7-31-15
<a href="#">Director of Family Services</a>	Family Services	7-23-15	8-7-15
<a href="#">Director of Health Services</a>	Health Services	7-23-15	8-7-15
<a href="#">Tax Officer</a>	Tax Office	7-27-15	8-10-15

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

An application must be submitted, resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged.

Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application. Please contact the Human Resource Department if you are unsure if you have an active application.

When you see a job that you would like to apply for please contact Alyce Giltz at Phone: (231) 398-6859, Fax: (231) 398-9101 or E-mail: [jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov) This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. .

You can download the [Employment Application](#) and send it in by postal mail, e-mail, fax or hand deliver it if you choose. Applications are kept active for 6 months. Tribal Preference is applied to all positions.

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check “temporary” or place “temp pool” on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It’s a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills. **Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions.** Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to: **LRBOI Human Resources**

**2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660F**

**Fax: (231) 398-9101 E-mail: [agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov) Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288**





August 3rd, 2015

## (Cultural & Government related items)

**Warriors Society:** Wanted...Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society. Please email:

BigKahunnnna@aol.com' (BigKahunnnna@aol.com)

for an application and/or additional information.

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.



**Commission Openings! Please note that Tribal Members living outside the Manistee Area are also encouraged to apply for the Commissions and Committees!** The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema's office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

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**Wisdom..."Always remember you are Indian—do things to make your people proud! "**

(Joe Coyhis, Stockbridge-Munsee)

All our choices and decisions will reflect on our people. We need to assume the accountability of honoring people. We must remember to conduct ourselves in a sacred way. Sometimes this is hard. But we must remember we have the assistance of the Spirit World, and we have the principles and values by which we should live, written in our hearts. The Creator will help us develop into a strong people if we just learn to depend upon Him.

**Great Sprit, lead me on the path of the Red Road.**

## Tribal Court

Key:		EM	Emancipation of Minor	LT	Landlord Tenant
CO	Cora Offense/Conservation	FJ	Foreign Judgment	NA	Neglect Abuse
CS	Child Support	FSJ	Foreign Support Judgment	NC	Name Change
CT	Civil Ticket	GA	Gaming Appeal	PF	Probate
DM	Divorce with children	GC	General Civil	PPO	Personal Protection Order
DO	Divorce w/o children	GM	Guardianship of Minor	TA	Trust Access
EA	Enrollment Appeal	GR	Employment Matter	TM	Tribal Misdemeanor
EB	Election Board Appeal	JC	Judicial Complaint	WC	Workmen’s Compensation
		JV	Juvenile		

### Monday, August 10, 2015

### Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	Hunt v. Hunt	15092DO	Pretrial
11:00 a.m.	LRB v. Metzger, A.	15077TM	Pretrial
01:15 p.m.	Guardianship	15126PF	Closed Hrg.
02:00 p.m.	LRB v. Wilson, A.	15107CT	Show Cause

### Friday, August 14, 2015

### Judge Sherigan

01:30 p.m.	Neglect/Abuse	09053NA	Review Hearing
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### Monday, August 17, 2015

### Chief Appellate Justice

10:30 a.m.	McKinnon v. McKinnon	14231DO	Trial
11:30 a.m.	Chandler v. Raspotnik	15005DO	Motion Hrg.
02:00 p.m.	LRB v. Smith	15036TM	Sentencing Hrg.
02:30 p.m.	LRB v. Stone, L.	14089GC	Show Cause/Discovery

### Monday, August 17, 2015

### Chief Appellate Justice

01:30 p.m.	In Re: Price	15088AP	Scheduling Conf.
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### Monday, August 24, 2015

### Judge Bailey

09:30 a.m.	LRB v. Metzger, A.	15042TM	Show Cause
10:00 a.m.	LRB v. Gunderson	14207PF	Show Cause
10:30 a.m.	Captain v. Avelar	15074DM	Pretrial
11:00 a.m.	Neglect/Abuse	11223NA	Closed Hrg.
01:30 p.m.	Doe v. Lakso	14217GC	Trial





<b>Departments</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Director or main phone numbers</b>
<b>Accounting</b>	<b>Government Center—Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6868</b>
<a href="#">Be-Da-Bin</a>	<a href="#">Government Center—Clinic entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6741</a>
<b>Commerce</b>	<b>Government Center — Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6866</b>
<a href="#">Commodities</a>	<a href="#">Aki Maadiziwin Community Center</a>	<a href="#">231.398. 6715</a>
<b>Courts</b>	<b>Justice Center on M22</b>	<b>231.398.3406</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Government Center—Clinic entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6735</b>
<a href="#">Enrollment</a>	<a href="#">Government Center-Main Entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6712</a>
<b>Fitness Center</b>	<b>Government Center—Lower Level</b>	<b>231.398.6636</b>
<a href="#">Family Services</a>	<a href="#">Government Center—Clinic entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6734</a>
<b>Grants Department</b>	<b>Government Center—Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6843</b>
<a href="#">Gaming Commission</a>	<a href="#">Old Casino Building</a>	<a href="#">231-723-7755</a>
<b>Health Clinic</b>	<b>Government Center—North End</b>	<b>231.398.6600</b>
<a href="#">Historic Preservation</a>	<a href="#">Government Center- Lower Level</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6891</a>
<b>Housing</b>	<b>Aki Maadiziwin Community Center</b>	<b>231.398.6879</b>
<a href="#">Human Resources</a>	<a href="#">Government Center-Main Entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6859</a>
<b>Members Legal Asst.</b>	<b>Justice Center on M22</b>	<b>231.398.2234</b>
<a href="#">Members Assistance</a>	<a href="#">Government Center-Main Entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6718</a>
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>9th Street Offices—Manistee</b>	<b>231.723.1594</b>
<a href="#">Peacemaking/Probation</a>	<a href="#">Justice Center on M22</a>	<a href="#">231.398.2239</a>
<b>Planning Department</b>	<b>Government Center —Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6810</b>
<a href="#">Prosecutor</a>	<a href="#">Justice Center on M22</a>	<a href="#">231.398.2242</a>
<b>Public Affairs</b>	<b>Government Center-Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6872</b>
<a href="#">Public Safety</a>	<a href="#">Justice Center on M22</a>	<a href="#">231.398.2225</a>
<b>Tax Office</b>	<b>Government Center—Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6874</b>
<a href="#">Utilities/Waste Water</a>	<a href="#">Dontz Road (near Aki Maadiziwin)</a>	<a href="#">231.398.2285</a>
<b>Work Force Development</b>	<b>Government Center—Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6842</b>